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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN REVIEWING FILM

1. JAPAN-AMERICA SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON REQUESTS EMBASSY HELP IN HAVING ONE AMERICAN OFFICER VIEW A FILM ON THE AWAJI PUPPETS AND ADVISE WHETHER IT IS WORTH PURCHASE BY THE SOCIETY FOR ADVANCE PUBLICITY IN WASHINGTON OF THE AWAJI PUPPET SHOW.

2. THE AWAJI PUPPETS ARE BEING SENT TO THE U.S. BY THE JAPAN FOUNDATION, BUT THE JAPAN-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON IS UNDERTAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FEBRUARY 10 PERFORMANCE IN WASHINGTON. NEITHER THE JAPANESE EMBASSY AND CONSULATE GENERAL NEW YORK, NOR THE JAPAN FOUNDATION HAVE FILMS AVAILABLE ON THE AWAJI PUPPETS. HOWEVER, THE SOCIETY HAS BEEN REFERRED TO A FILM AWA NO NINGYO JORURI, 19 MINUTES BLACK AND WHITE, IN NIHON BUNKA SERIES, DISTRIBUTED BY IWANAMI EIGA SEISAKUJO, MISAKI-CHO 2/212, CHIYODA-KU, TOKYO, WHICH SELLS FOR 28,000 YEN. THE SOCIETY IS WILLING TO PURCHASE THIS FILM, AND WILL ORDER IT DIRECTLY FROM IWANAMI, PROVIDED THAT SOME AMERICAN WILL SCREEN THE FILM AND ADVISE (1) DOES IT DEAL WITH THE AWAJI PUPPETS, AND (2) WOULD IT APPEAR ATTRACTIVE AND USEFUL FOR ADVANCE PUBLICITY IN WASHINGTON.

3. EMBASSY ADVICE WILL BE APPRECIATED. RUSH

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